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The annual Haliburton Santa Claus Parade was held on Friday night, and while the weather was frightful, the smiles were delightful. Left, Daniella and Maya Meraw, wave to the crowd upon the Heritage Ballet float.
 Photo by Barbara Koch

Barry and Danielsen take seats in Algonquin

By Jerry Grozelle

The votes were counted Monday evening, with Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen emerging as the winners in the three-way race for the two council seats in Ward 2 of Algonquin Highlands. Barry received 1211 votes, Liz Danielsen got 1202 and Gerald Bain earned 867.

Barry said she was thrilled with the win. "It's a nice, positive feeling knowing you have all the support," Barry said. "It feels like I've just been hired for a really important job. I'm excited to take on the challenges and be part of a new team."

Being part of the small group that gathered at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall for the counting of the ballots was a positive experience for Barry. "It was good to see Eleanor [Harrison, the retiring reeve] and Carol [Moffatt, the new reeve] there," she said. "Gerald [Bain, the unsuccessful candidate for Ward 2] was one of the first people to congratulate me and that was wonderful. I wish him all the success in the future."

"Now I'm currently clearing the calendar," she said. Luckily, I have a great support system here with my parents and my husband."

Barry said she was smothered with emails wishing her well the morning after the votes were counted.

"There's a lot of work ahead and a lot to learn, but I'm excited to take on the challenge," she said.

Danielsen was equally thrilled. "It's been a real learning curve for me, the whole process -- and a good one," said Councillor-elect Danielsen. "I really can't say enough about how much I appreciate the work that the people working on my campaign have done. There are a lot of people who have given me a lot of support. It's really only as a result of that that I managed to be so successful."

"I'm really tickled with the results and I'm absolutely and totally looking forward to being able to sort through some of the challenges the council is facing."

Danielsen noted that there were some people at the hall on election night that were upset that Barb Reid, Minden Hills reeve-elect, acted as her scrutineer.

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Stanhope airport expansion decision in the wings

New council's hands tied?

By Jerry Grozelle

Rumours regarding the decision from the Infrastructure Ministry about the Stanhope Airport project suggest that a decision whether or not the expansion project can proceed is impending.

When asked if she believed the expansion project could go ahead as planned if the environmental assessment decision is positive, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that the municipality has recently heard some word from Bill Bunker of the Environmental Assessment Review Board. "I believe it's at the Infrastructure Minister's office to be signed. I believe it's going to be signed," she said. "I think, personally, that it's going to be a difficult situation for a new

council to get out of. Even though Barry Devolin's office went to bat for us so we wouldn't lose the money so we could go ahead with the rehabilitation it's basically a single project and that's the way Build Canada is looking at it and I think that's the way our contractor is looking at it. "So, I think it could be difficult for the new council to get out of it, and possibly even costly. I don't know that for sure at the moment because we're not quite that far yet, but I think that's a possibility [that the expansion project could still go ahead as planned]. It's hard to tell right now. There's just a few rumblings from Mr. Bunker's office that the environmental assessment review is at the minister's office for signature."

"I'm very pleased that we have the property, at a great deal of expense too, as far as that's con-

cerned, but at least we have the property and maybe some council 10 years from now will decide that it's a good idea."

She said the property is secured for the current airport, which will ensure that no housing development can be developed on the site that might interfere with the airport. "It protects the existing airport and any future expansion that any future council might decide to do."

"Until we get something back from the Minister's office it's anybody's guess as to how this will proceed," she said.

Paul MacInnes of the Maple, Beech Cameron Lakes Property Owners' Association, a vocal opponent of the airport expansion, has heard the rumours.

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Danielsen committed to good relationships with other townships

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"If you look at the county, all the reeves and deputy reeves are going to have to work together and it has always been my goal to try and be deputy reeve.

"I can't see a problem with forging good relationships with our neighbours. Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands share a common border and share some common concerns.

"Gerald Bain was an absolute gentleman in defeat," Danielsen said. "He was probably the first one to congratulate me. I've always recognized that Gerald would have brought a lot to the council table.

"I'm really looking forward to doing my best for everyone in Algonquin Highlands -- first and foremost for the people in my ward, but for everyone."

Danielsen said she knows the new council faces a lot of challenges. "I hope my past experience will help to work through some of those challenges," she said.

"If people are disappointed with the outcome, I hope they can put that behind them and, regardless of their feelings, I'll still do my best for everyone.

Bain takes a positive attitude toward the campaign. He said it was a win/win situation for him. If he didn't win a seat on council he would win his freedom to enjoy his retirement and if he had won a council seat he would have been able to make a contribution to the new council.

"I'm not surprised with the results," said Bain. "There was a very active anti campaign. It was well organized, so I'm not surprised with the results. I'm naturally disappointed."

Bain said he wasn't sure initially if he was willing to sacrifice his time to be on council, but he said he thought with his background as an employee of the municipality that he could help to stabilize the new council.

"I thought I could probably make a good contribution to what was going to be quite an inexperienced council," he said. "With my experience and my knowledge of the municipality I thought I could probably stabilize the new council a little bit. Obviously, a majority of the electorate did not feel the same way and I respect that decision.

"I wish to congratulate Liz and Lisa and wish them every success in the next four years. I wish council as a whole every success. Any success they have, I will be a beneficiary as a ratepayer.

He said council has some challenging years ahead. "It's a troubled municipality right now," he said. "I hope they can bring it around."

The small group of people at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall experienced an emotional event.

"There certainly were some concerns expressed in the room about how the vote was going," Carol Moffatt said. "There were only 15 or 20 people in the room and I'd say most of them were Gerald Bain supporters.

"Naturally, when the numbers start to come in and the other candidates' numbers are higher I'm sure anybody would appreciate that there was some disappointment with those numbers popping up on the screen. That's the whole point of meeting at a public place so you can share those highs and lows together.

"I didn't see or hear anything that was bitter. It's natural for people to support some people and not support others but to try and pit those so called teams against each other does nothing to help our community move forward."

Moffatt said she looks forward to working with the new members of Algonquin Highlands council, who will be sworn in on December 14. Their first meeting will be two days later on the 16th. □



Terry Wright has chosen to not own a vehicle and walks around the village most days.

Reluctant 'champion' takes lead in finding local solutions to local transportation issues

By Laura Redman

Although a reluctant 'champion', Terry Wright has been quietly leading a group of concerned citizens toward developing workable transportation options for Haliburton County residents.

Without government input, support or apparent interest, a group of five women has been meeting for about six months to discuss ideas around car sharing and ride sharing that would serve a rural and poverty-stricken population in Haliburton County.

Based on an initial research document instigated by Wright, and produced by Stacy Kirkbride through U-Links Haliburton, these women have now developed a concept for two more research projects that will help to move their ideas -- and eventually people -- forward.

Last spring, after the completion of that initial research project, Wright organized a forum on transportation issues in Haliburton County and about 50 local, concerned residents attended. Out of that number, five women, including Wright, remain, and between

the five, they represent local voices of environmentalism, experience and social conscience.

Wright lives in Haliburton village and has chosen to not own a car. That being said, she insists she is not the 'face' of the ride sharing concept for Haliburton.

"These women are fabulous and I have not done this kind of work before -- so I'm the neophyte," Wright said with a laugh. "But it's not about me and my choices -- I just want to pull it together."

And why does this Rural Transportation Working Group consist of only women? Wright isn't sure, but she wonders if the collaborative approach they've taken may be partly responsible.

"It's all been sort of gelling bit by bit -- I guess this is how women work -- I don't know. Because we've had a couple of men sit in and then they don't come back," Wright laughs. "You sort of feel your way along with different voices of experience at the table and you sort of work it all out."

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Many issues remain in airport project

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He says the project should be considered by the new council before any approval is granted. He said there are many issues that need to be dealt with before the project gets the green light, not the least of which is the acquisition of aerial easements, which he believes would be prohibitively expensive. "The township would be very foolish to go ahead without knowing what those agreements are going to cost them," he said.

He suggested that negotiation process with nearby property

owners could take years and could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. "For the township to go ahead without knowing what those costs are is very irresponsible, not to mention the added cost of operating a much larger airport. Those costs would increase proportionally.

"I think the ethical thing to do is wait for the new council to take over before any decisions, even if they are made already, are implemented," MacInnes said. "The people have spoken very clearly. They don't want this airport expansion." □

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Youth charged in assault makes brief court appearance

By Laura Redman

The 17-year-old charged in the assault of a four-year-old girl at the Woodville Arena on October 18, made his first court appearance in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on Thursday.

The youth, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is facing four criminal charges, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated assault, abduction and forcible confinement. The incident has horrified many parents and destroyed a sense of safety in this small rural community of less than 900 people, located about 30 kilometres northwest of Lindsay.

The incident involving the four-year-old happened during a hockey practice for a novice-level hockey team. The four-year-old went to the washroom by herself inside the arena, but when a family member tried to follow her inside a few minutes later, they found the door locked. The girl was later found, semi-conscious in a field outside the arena and taken to hospital in Lindsay before she was transferred to Sick Kid's Hospital in Toronto.

The youth has remained in custody and entered the courtroom with his legs shackled. After one quick glance at the courtroom, where his family and the victim's family were sitting, the accused sat in the prisoner's box behind bullet-proof glass and kept his eyes fixed on the judge, avoiding his parents' eyes. His lawyer, Denis Lowry, out of Peterborough, asked the court on Thursday to push back the date of the bail court hearing until December 14 to allow for disclosure around the charges, and presiding Justice of the Peace Diane Ballam, agreed.

Before his court appearance, the courtroom had been cleared for a brief recess, and court security then asked those waiting outside the courtroom to move back down the hallway,

while they brought out a table, two baskets and a portable metal detector to search everyone entering the courtroom.

Lindsay-based journalist Barbara-Ann MacEachern commented on the precautions being taken outside the courtroom in which the 17-year-old was appearing.

"I've never seen that before," she said.

The court has imposed a publication ban on information revealed in court under Sections 517 and 486.4 of the Criminal Code. However, after the proceeding and outside the courtroom, Susan Arnold, a Kawartha Lakes-based mother of two, said she was also in the arena the night of the incident for her son's hockey practice and her family has been questioned by police three times.

Arnold was not surprised by the precautions taken at the courtroom, saying that she has heard a lot of threats directed toward the accused, before and after his arrest.

"I was there that night with my own daughter," Arnold said. "We were in the bathroom before the incident happened."

Arnold struggled to control her tears as she spoke.

"My seven-year-old son and my eight-and-a-half-year-old daughter now ask me if someone is going to try to kill them," Arnold said. "It's horrible. I moved out of the big city to raise my kids in a small town environment."

Arnold said parents used to let their children wander and play at the Woodville Arena during practices and games – but not any more.

"People are now keeping their kids very close to them," she said.

Asked why she had come to the courthouse, Arnold said she had to see the accused "with my own eyes." But after the brief proceeding, Arnold said she was even more disturbed.

"This is a tragedy on all sides. It's devastating... for both of these families," Arnold said.

POLICE REPORTS

Male charged with impaired

On Thursday the 25th of November 2010, the Bancroft OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Loop Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. An Officer attended the area and located a male on an ATV. The male was arrested of impaired operation and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment for an intoxilyzer test.

22 year old Robert Alden of Wilberforce, Ontario has been charged with breach of probation, drive disqualified, impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operate a motor vehicle with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Alden was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 11th of January 2011.

Theft of copper pipes

On the 3rd of November 2010, the Bancroft

OPP received the report of a theft from a vacant residence on New Carlow Road in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Investigation revealed that sometime between the 18th of October and 25th of October 2010 copper piping was removed from a residence.

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(AURORA, ON) – With the holiday season just beginning, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding motorists that there will be a visible increase of OPP officers again this holiday season as they focus their efforts to track down motorists who place everyone's safety at risk by drinking and driving on Ontario roads and highways.

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Municipal politics, brouhahas, and shenanigans

On Monday the voters in Algonquin Highlands gave candidates Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen a strong mandate in their race to represent the voters of Ward

Two for the next four years. In that Ward voters elected two councillors: the third candidate, former Clerk and CAO Gerald Bain, was defeated by more than 300 votes by both the elected candidates. Now the four elected councillors along with new Reeve Carol Moffatt (who was acclaimed) will choose their Deputy Reeve at council's inaugural meeting on December 14th. Council will choose from Barry, Danielsen, Ward One's Gordon Henderson, who was also acclaimed, and newcomer Gary Schultz, who defeated incumbent Diane Griffin in Ward Three.

None of the councillors has previous elected council experience in Haliburton, although Liz Danielsen had extensive municipal experience as a councillor in her former hometown in the North West Territories.

Liz has been our municipal reporter since the birth of the Voice in January of 2008. She's covered all four councils, plus the County Council, with determination, a fearsome eye for detail, and an occasionally bemused sense of humour at the occasional shenanigans, some would say posturing, of the various elected inmates. Liz is without question a municipal affairs junky and there's no doubt in this corner that she will bring all those qualities of hard work, in depth knowledge of how councils work, and her sense of humour to her new job in Algonquin Highlands.

Over the three years she's reported, Liz and the Voice have received all kinds of accolades from politicians, taxpayers, and municipal mandarins lauding the detail and fairness of her coverage.

We've also been pilloried, pressured, and pleaded with by politicians, taxpayers, and municipal mandarins complaining about the inaccuracies and bias inherent in her coverage.

And now that she's soon to be sworn in as an elected official, and since her Voice duties will necessarily change somewhat, this writer's already had some calls from some quarters trying to influence just who should be covering councils, and who shouldn't.

Well, that call begins and ends in this corner. But it's an indication of just how passionate and involved all politics, and in particular local politics, can be. As Jerry Grozelle reports on page one of this issue, there were many grumbings and mumblings on election night last Monday in Algonquin Highlands. Newly acclaimed Reeve Carol Moffatt made a diplomatic attempt to downplay the negative comments in an interview with Jerry: but outgoing Reeve Eleanor Harrison made no bones about how she felt about the race for Ward Two: "This was a managed campaign, and it was dirty and unfair," she told the Voice. She later told Liz Danielsen that she wasn't criticizing her personally, just the campaign.

These comments mirror some of those made in Minden Hills last month after the electoral success of the "Vision Team" in October. The objections seem to have more to do with the use of some more modern campaign techniques than with any real objections to content, or lack of. Nevertheless, municipal and county councillors have to find a way to get along if they wish to produce any results. For some, this may be a more difficult task than for others.

In any event, congratulations to all who ran in these campaigns, and to all the victors as they begin their four-year journey. Here at the Voice we look forward to reporting, fairly and dispassionately, on one of our own, through thick and thin, through shenanigans, brouhahas and the like. We know that Liz wouldn't want it any other way. □

Letter of the Week

Open letter to the reeves of the townships of Haliburton County

Dear Editor:

First we congratulate the Reeves for developing a Municipal Waste Recycling Strategy (MWRS). Landfill capacity is a very real issue for the County. The Jacques Whitford reports, prepared for the County, indicated that the County in total has capacity for approximately 18 years, based on a 35 percent diversion rate. The Cambium MWRS report assumed a diversion rate of only 23 percent suggesting an even greater need to up our recycling game.

One of the consequences of living in this lovely rock, tree, water environment is that it is difficult to site new dumps. Thus it is extremely important that we divert as much as possible from them. We know that successful waste diversion requires solid buy-in from the citizens of the County.

Knowing that community support will be essential, why are you providing only one week for comment on the proposed strategy, which on November 26 was available on only the Algonquin Highlands website? How serious are you in consulting the citizens of the County? Your process suggests that you think our input is irrelevant, worthless and of little value. Further, the language in the notice was astonishingly patronizing. We assure you that the citizens of Haliburton County are fully functioning, intelligent and articulate, with ideas and information and skills well worth harnessing.

We ask that the in-coming Reeves and Councils establish an at least adequate consultation on this strategy which is so important to the future of the County. Let the MWRS have a chance of success by allowing the citizens of the County time to consider, to reflect, to participate and therefore to buy in to what will be a much improved strategy.

Yours sincerely

Carolynn Coburn
Mieke Foster
Eric Lilius
Heather Ross □

Dear Editor:

"Nothing to do with Horseshoe Days"

Dear Editor:

In the County Voice, Nov. 18th edition, Donna Graham, former ward three councillor wanted it on record at the last Highlands East Council meeting that she had nothing to do with the Horseshoe Days 2010 deficit.

Instead of being so negative perhaps if she had been more proactive and involved in assisting the committee as our ward three rep the outcome may have been more positive. Why did she not advise the Horseshoe Days Recreation Committee of the Celebrate Ontario Grant submission which could have supplied monies towards upgrades and initiatives available for festivals.

It was provided for the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair and is available for any festival and/or fair. Perhaps she should have considered how her negative attitude would affect the outcome of Horseshoe Days 2010. To me this was a distinct lack of communication between previous council, our ward three rep and interaction with the recreation committee. Council is now going to appoint recreation committee members in hopes to streamline activities and have more control over expenditures. Let's hope they reach out to individuals who have a new vision and will all work as a team.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham □

"Road conditions can change rapidly..."

Dear Editor:

On the morning of Thursday, November 25, my husband & I had traveled to Bobcaygeon. We stopped for a coffee and when we left, we were surprised to see ice pellets in the parking lot. Our next stop was Minden so we drove cautiously. The ice pellets had now turned to rain and the roads seemed fine. We headed home to Wilberforce driving east on Hwy 118 shortly after 4:00 p.m. We realized that the roads were by now sheer ice and very slippery so we slowed down. As we approached the turn off to the Essonville Line, there was a vehicle that looked as if it had spun out and hit a rock cut and ended up in the middle of the road. As we slowly drove by we saw that both air bags had deployed and fortunately there was no one in the vehicle. We were reassured when we saw people in the next driveway that appeared to be aware of the situation. Not sure how we could help, we decided the best way was to try and warn oncoming

drivers. We stopped at the intersection at the Essonville Line and flashed our lights and used hand signals to try and get the message across for drivers to slow down. Most people drove by us at their regular speed. Thankfully an ambulance arrived quickly and also Highlands East First Response to direct traffic.

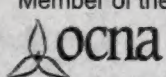
The purpose of this letter is to warn people that road conditions can change rapidly as we discovered. Pay attention to other vehicles and especially emergency personnel trying to help you avoid unnecessary collisions and possible injuries. What started out as a one vehicle collision ended up as several, so please take the time to check road conditions and drive accordingly. We hope that standing outside in the cold and trying to help other drivers was not a total wasted effort and hopefully we prevented someone from being injured.

Hilary and Robert Klapow
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The Outsider

■ By Will Jones

White noise

Finally, some snow. It's about bloody time too! Here I am, living in the home of the polar bear and Eskimo, sitting on a landmass that's physically connected to the Arctic and what do I get but jibes from folks back in the UK, gloating because they've got more snow than me: so much snow that the schools are closed.

Where is all our snow, Canada? I was promised it when I applied for immigration. I've listened to many a precautionary tale of 'the big dump' (such an unpoetic description of a winter wonderland, don't you think). I've seen countless Canadian nature programmes where cuddly polar bears cavort down vast banks the stuff.

The ski hill has resorted to making its own snow, for Pete's sake. That's tantamount to Caribbeans using sun lamps or Egyptians cracking rocks to make sand. And yet, I'm sitting here looking out of my window and while there's an icing sugar dusting of white, the grass is still poking through!

What's more, I have a giant snarling beast sitting in my workshop that needs a run out. Bigger than my mother's car and noisier than the plane I flew to Canada in, my snow blower stood brooding in the dark recesses of the shed until I started it up recently just to see what it did. My workshop now has doorways at either end and my kid's mortally afraid of the garage monster.

But back to snowy England. I have to admit that the amount of snow required to trigger traffic gridlock, train cancellations and said school closures back in the land of my birth is approximately three inches. No kidding.

Our vehicles, you know the ones, those little lightweight autos that you smile at on the adverts and go "ahh ain't it cute" before stepping outside and clambering up into the cab of your pickup, well they slither and slide out of control at the merest hint of snow.

As for winter tyres, I'd never heard of them before moving to Canada. Don't believe me? Check out the Oxford Dictionary, there's no mention of them in there and there's nothing more English than Oxford, right!

Our schools, well they slam shut the gates at the first hint of a flurry for fear little Henry might slip, bang his lip and sue (thanks America).

And our trains, oh our trains: they get cancelled in autumn due to leaves on the line, so an inch or two of snow is a signal to shut down the entire rail network, pronto.

But still, I'm getting those calls from smug English friends and you know what, I blame you Canada: you with your wasteful oil extraction from the tar sands; you with your gas guzzling pickup trucks that are larger than many a house in England; you, globally warming everything and sending snow to my homeland.

Well, I blame you and the US and India and China and Russia and... Oh hell, there goes my argument.

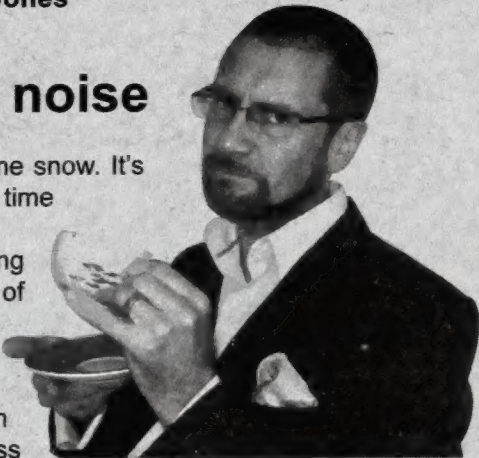
This rant might sound crazy to you veterans of drift and blizzard, flurry and thaw. And, plenty of you have guffawed at my wide-eyed excitement at the onset of winter but I'm with the snow lovers.

I'm looking forward to the snow, just as Hank and his husky chums are. I'm as excited as the crazy folks manufacturing the stuff at Sir Sam's. I'm at my marks, lined up with the fellows in the ploughing business, waiting for that first real super duvet-thick blanket of white.

And anyway, you hypocrites you bemoaning the wintry weather: as soon as we've had the first 'big dump', you'll all be gleefully heading for the garage, backing the super-sized SUV out of the way, squeezing past the ATV, trail bike and power boat to kick starting that snow mobile into life.

You know you like winter really.

PS: It's a good job Canada extracts oil from tar. What would you all be like if we ran out of gas for your winter toys!



Blue Sky Yoga's Lynda Shadbolt with her "Moores Falls" entry.

Rotary Gingerbread House Contest

By George Ferrell

Things are looking festive in the foyer of Todd's Independent Grocer. That's because this past Friday saw the deadline for entrants to bring in their gingerbread houses to be judged by the public. This is the second year of the contest, which is organized by the Rotary Club.

"It's not a fundraiser, says Rotary Club member Brian Menton. "It's just a way to have fun in the community. We've gave gingerbread house kits to 12 randomly selected organizations, and it was

up to them to use their creativity to design the best gingerbread house that they can."

The public is invited to cast their votes for their favourite, and place their ballot in the box located next to their choice. The gingerbread houses are on display at the Independent until December 8th, when the entry with the most votes will be declared the winner. "The winner gets bragging rights for the year," exclaims Menton. But that's not all. A name will be drawn from each ballot box, and that person will get to take home the gingerbread house they voted for. Yummy. □



STOLEN VEHICLE REPORTED

Minden Hills Township staff figured that they had the Grinch safely behind bars, but it appears that they may have been duped.

On Saturday at approximately 1 PM, residents reported seeing what appeared to be a theft occurring in the community center parking lot, apparently a jolly fat guy had left his vehicle unlocked before going inside to monitor toy lists and chat with well behaved children. The theory is that the Grinch was able to move freely among the crowd and parking lots while masquerading as a known local person. Although the disguise was creative, it is doubtful whether it would pass Air Canada inspection which leads MH personnel to believe the Grinch is still in the country.

Voice staff managed to get a quick snap of the thief, but no license number was visible. Anyone finding an open-air vehicle attached to several large brown animals is asked to abstain from touching the contents, and to report the location to any Minden Hills Township staff member, or to call Director of Community Services & Recreation, Rick Cox. □



Top: known local suspect: above, the Grinch strikes.



Santa arrived in Haliburton on Friday



Parade delivers usual enchantment to Haliburton residents

The weather was cold, but spirits were high Friday night in Haliburton when the Correctional Services Band participated. Visiting from Lindsay, the Kawartha Kavalier band thrilled the crowd, while Haliburton Lion's Club volunteer Tina Hadley cheerfully accepted donations for the 4C's Food Bank.

Left: Cast members of Heritage Ballet's the 'Nutcracker' enjoyed the ride, while excited kids waved to Santa as he came by.

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Santa day in Haliburton

The Jolly Ol' Elf himself arrived in Haliburton on Friday night to enchant children of all ages. This baby watched her first parade go by bundled up against the cold. Left, Sisters Telyn, Jacqueline and Kyla MacLean cuddle up close as they eagerly await Santa's arrival. The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes kept spirits high with their cheerful holiday music.

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County considers health services; recruitment opportunities

By Liz Danielsen

For the first time in over two years Paul Rosebush, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, made a presentation to County Council to review health services in the county and provide some insight into the challenges that the County faces when it comes to recruiting professionals.

Rosebush also reviewed possible opportunities available to assist with recruitment initiatives.

Accompanying Rosebush was Jim Mitchell, Chair of The Health Professional Recruitment Committee and Amanda English from Health Force Ontario.

Despite some of the challenges he raised, Rosebush started on a very positive note saying, "The County is blessed to have two fine state-of-the-art facilities."

He also said that his team had been doing some strategic planning over the past year and had developed a new Vision Statement which was 'Working together for the health of the Highlands.' He said, "We want to ensure that we have a system that is both responsive and meets the needs of all residents."

Rosebush admitted to having had some challenging years in terms of finances. "We were facing a staggering deficit (last year the deficit was \$143,000), but now we are in a fairly healthy position with a modest surplus, so our performance is certainly improving."

According to Rosebush, the HHHS has introduced a financial policy that requires any deficit to be recovered within a two year period. He also said that in the next fiscal year there would be no more than a one percent increase in the budget. "We will not go beyond that," he said.

Rosebush talked about the contract that HHHS had signed for geo-thermal initiatives over the last year.

"This (two million dollar initiative) is a sustainable way to address our energy needs and divert money back into front line ser-

vices. The project will be self financed, will not take any money from our budget and we will be using as much local labour and supplies as possible."

The project will take about a year to finish with the lake loop in Haliburton being completed before Christmas and the 17 wells scheduled for Minden planned to get under way early next year. According to Rosebush there will also be solar panels erected at both locations for further energy savings.

Rosebush then shifted to accreditation services, saying that an annual survey was in progress through Accreditation Canada and that HHHS had been getting glowing results. "Our health services are so good that we're getting people from Bobcaygeon, Lindsay, Peterborough and beyond for health services."

He also addressed some changes in legislation that require zero tolerance for abuse in hospitals, a restraints free policy and the need to establish guidelines for improved reporting guidelines.

Rosebush reported that the Hospital Board had decided that as of January 1st, 2012 the hospital will become totally smoke free.

He said that even now steps are being taken to convert their work environment, move designated smoking areas and provide staff with opportunities to become smoke free. "I think this is an important measure for us to take. We must set a good example for healthy living."

He indicated that being smoke free was something that he would like to explore further with County Council in the future to see if there other opportunities to expand a smoke free environment throughout the County.

While he said that HHHS would continue to offer sustainable high quality health care, focusing on maintaining access to core rural health services, prevention and health promotion and comprehensive seniors care, Rosebush stressed that the demographics in the County are rapidly changing; that Haliburton now has the second oldest population in Canada. "We must develop programs that are seniors friendly. In particular we're looking at assisted liv-

ing housing for seniors. We will be developing a feasibility study to see if this is something we can do in the County."

But he also assured the Council, "We won't forget the people that we serve in Haliburton County. They come first and foremost."

As to challenges, Rosebush said that HHHS continues to deal with Ministry guidelines for wait times, adding that while fortunately HHHS does not have any substantial wait times, wait times remain a huge issue for the LHINs.

"When it comes to alternate levels of care, the Ministry wants to ensure that the right people have access to beds; for example, a senior citizen waiting for long term care is not an appropriate use. Of our beds, 24 percent are filled with alternate levels of care people."

Turning to the recruitment committee (of which Rosebush is a member) he said that the committee is comprised of extremely engaged members from a cross section of the community. "Representing the entire community, the committee is undertaking a variety of initiatives supported by funding from HHHS and the County with periodic help from HCDC."

One of the committee's major initiatives is working with the University of Toronto to bring students and resident training to the area. Rosebush said, "Committee members travel throughout the province to conferences to engage physicians and promote Haliburton as a place to live and practice."

They are also working on developing promotional materials and are coordinating with Health Force Ontario as much as possible. In addition they must make sure that those who do come here feel engaged and are wanted."

But there are challenges with recruitment. Rosebush said that recruitment goes above and beyond offering a beautiful place to live. "We have to identify physicians early in their training curve and try to get a commitment from them."

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Committee taking two more research projects to U-Links

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To take Wright's initial idea and Kirkbride's research forward, the committee has now decided to propose two more research projects to U-Links that would see two university students researching and creating two toolkits – one for ride sharing and one for car sharing.

"While the toolkits are being developed, we will also be working on finding out exactly what the need is – through research and focus groups. I am going to be phoning all of the local agencies to see what sort of research they've been done before, what's worked and what hasn't."

"We're doing our homework – step by step – because 10 or 15 years ago there was a transit system put into place here and it was very temporary because it wasn't utilized. So we need to identify the need and discuss how to open up attitudes so that ride sharing or car sharing is successful and looked upon as both feasible and doable."

Wright defines ride sharing this way.

"Ride sharing is going beyond contacting friends and acquaintances when you need a car to go beyond walking distances. It's organized, reliable and available so that you can get a ride to Toronto or wherever with other people – and both of you benefit financially, and the environment benefits, and socially you both benefit."

As for car sharing, Wright says, it's an organized option of being able to access or use a vehicle to do what people need to do locally or over long distances.

"Car shares could easily be picked up as an entrepreneurial thing and could also be used in a small neighbourhood," Wright says. "It could be a group of neighbours or friends and that group

of people can share the use of a car informally – but the toolkit would look at legal considerations, insurance regulations, liabilities, scheduling, etc."

However, while the group will ask that both toolkits be researched and developed, they see ride sharing as a more compelling option for Haliburton County and an ageing population.

"Ride sharing is our primary focus at this point – we're still developing awareness and possibilities with car sharing, but there are so many people here who need rides or just don't have access to a vehicle – so ride sharing is the current focus for the group."

Wright sees the ride share toolkit as the basis for the construction of a website and a bulletin board or boards that would coordinate rides for people on a more formal basis – again, taking in the considerations around scheduling, upkeep, safety and insurance.

While Wright says she's been actively ride sharing for years, the idea of contacting a stranger through the Internet or even a local bulletin board to ask for a ride, is a bit intimidating, even to her.

"We have to decide how to do this – I ride share all the time – but to use a website and ride share with someone I don't know, I would have second thoughts about that," Wright said. "So we need to work that out – there is a certain risk and you would have to trust yourself to assess this person who is offering you a ride."

However, the potential for the idea in Haliburton County – given the lack of decent jobs and the number of families living in poverty – is huge. Wright sees the idea growing to the point where people would not only be able to share rides to and from work, but they would also be able to share rides to seek work in larger urban centres. While carpooling has existed for a long time, and many people already share rides informally, the idea of a locally organized, dedicated transportation website, assisted by community

bulletin boards that would match people's specific needs to rides within and outside the community, is new to Haliburton County.

"People already get together to save gas and share expenses, but we're talking about bringing people together who haven't met yet, and who could potentially be heading to or even finding work through that capacity, such as getting a ride into Peterborough, Lindsay or Oshawa every day."

As to whose responsibility this concept should be, Wright isn't sure, although she does admit to being surprised that the issues of both social housing and transportation were not well discussed during the recent municipal election.

"That has come up at our meetings – government responsibility – but we're not really addressing it at this point," Wright said. "Right now, we're a group of concerned citizens trying to do something to address the transportation issues in Haliburton County, and our strategy at this point is to try to generate community interest, complete our feasibility study and then engage politicians. We want to do our homework first."

For now, the group is focused on creating practical solutions through data discovered through their research.

"The ride share toolkit is going to be used to set up a website – after we have done the focus group, the studies, the surveys, I see us getting funding to have the website set up, and creating the toolkit is the first step along the way."

Wright's passion for the issue is clear, and the strength of those beliefs is now driving her beyond her reluctance to be in the spotlight.

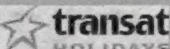
"I'm not champion material – I'm not that kind of person, and I don't want to be in the public eye," Wright insists. "But what I do want to do is to promote this idea as much as I can." □

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Christmas musical evening accessible to entire community

By Laura Redman

In the true spirit of Christmas, the Haliburton Highlands Concert Band is sharing a special evening of music with admission by the donation of food item in support of the local food banks.

Keith Burns, a tenor saxophone player with the band, said they wanted the concert to be available to everyone.

"We wanted it to be accessible to the whole community," Burns said. "I get really annoyed with the cost of some of the ticket prices up here, it leaves people out, but this way, everyone can bring a non-perishable food item and enjoy the evening and the food banks benefit too."

Burns said the food and any cash dona-

tions will be divided between the 4-Cs and Minden Food Banks. The evening will offer a selection of Christmas carols, and special guests cellist Bethany Houghton and organist Bill Glidden.

Burns actually formed the Concert Band 10 years ago.

"When I started the thing, I couldn't play an instrument," Burns said, adding that he'd always wanted to learn and the band provided the opportunity, the motivation – and his best musical joke, "I've had requests, but I play any way."

The concert will be held on December 10, 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. The church holds 250 people, and Burns hopes it will be full - there will be refreshments - hot apple cider and treats at the end.

"It's a great evening out for families," Burns said. "And everyone in the band is getting excited too."

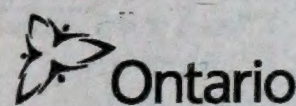
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Longstanding members of Minden Hills council bid farewell

By Liz Danielson

Local Boy Given Hero's Welcome

The last meeting of the present Minden Hills council had a very heart warming start as Reeve Jim McMahon took a few minutes to recognize a small local hero.

Earlier this month, Seth Smith was riding his bike along Orde Street without a care in the world. The eleven year old could never have imagined that his actions that day would earn him the respect and gratitude of the entire community as a local champion.

While riding in the area around his daycare provider's house (Tracey Brown) Seth spotted an elderly gentleman fall from the stairs leading to his home. Seth had the presence of mind to approach the man and ask if he was okay, but the old fellow didn't respond. Seth immediately jumped onto his bike and rode to back to the daycare to alert Brown about the incident and the fact that the man was in distress.

Seth and Brown rushed back to the scene of the fall and, determining that an ambulance was needed, Seth stayed with the man while Brown went to call 911. Moments later the ambulance arrived and Seth was there to flag it down.

Without the keen eye of this young man and his willingness help an elderly individual, the man's life could have been in serious jeopardy.

Seth and his parents, Royce and Deanna Smith, along with a number of his friends were in attendance at the council meeting for a very special presentation.

McMahon said, "This could have been a very emotional day for me. It is my last meeting after 22 years, but when you get to present a plaque in recognition of a young boy who possibly saved an elderly man from dying, it couldn't get any better. When a young man steps up to the plate like this, it needs to be recognized and it is a great honour for me to make this presentation."

When McMahon presented Seth with a local hero's award, the boy's smile would light anyone's heart and, while he was obviously speechless, he received a standing ovation from everyone in the room.

Council continues to seek improved group insurance rates

Last week the council authorized Josephine Barry of Sun Life Financial to 'go to market' in search of quotes and recommendations for im-

proved group insurance coverage for the municipality.

Given the discussions of council at the special meeting earlier in the month and its decision to appoint Shawn Hagerman as their agent of record to do the same thing, councillor Peter Oyler inquired if either the treasurer or CAO Gerry Morrison were available to provide additional information.

In response to his request, Oyler was advised that the treasurer was on vacation and the CAO was not available. Oyler asked the clerk to find the CAO. When the clerk returned, she informed council that Morrison was not available. However, indicating that she had spoken with Morrison, the clerk confirmed that the appointment would allow Barry to seek out quotes as well as Hagerman.

Councillor Bill Obee questioned the process, given his understanding that Hagerman would have the sole right to seek out quotes on the municipality's behalf. He said that it was his understanding that they could not appoint two people to seek competitive prices. Barry informed Obee that Hagerman would remain the agent of record and the individual responsible for the current group plan.

Oyler said, "It was my understanding that that's what we did at the last meeting. If I am wrong I would like to be corrected. That is why I asked for the CAO. We need clarification from him. I want to ensure there is no conflict with what we have already done and as the chair of the finance committee I'm not prepared to support this."

Councillor Barbara Reid clarified that while Hagerman had been renewed as the agent of record, it did not preclude the corporation from appointing other agents to seek quotes. "This gives them the credentials to go out on our behalf. This doesn't name two agents of record, but gives other folks what they need to do what we're asking them to do." Oyler then asked who was in favour of the recommendation and a resolution was passed authorizing Barry to seek quotes for the municipality.

Council Members Offer Departing Comments
As the term of the present council drew to a close, Reeve Jim McMahon offered each member of council an opportunity to say a few words. Councillor Peter Oyler, obviously emotional at the point of his departure, said, "For 30 years it has been a great ride on the bus, but one should

never say never. Who knows what will happen in four years, but I would like to take an opportunity to thank all the members of Council for their service.

"While it has been a great ride it has also been a rough ride at times, so I'm getting off the bus for awhile to take a breather. I would like to thank the people of Minden Hills for their support and thank the staff of the township from the CAO to the entire works and parks crew that we rarely see, but who dedicate themselves to a difficult task for which they receive little thanks."

Oyler then said, "I would be remiss for not thanking my wife Klara for her support. I would also like to wish the newly elected council the best of luck over the next four years. The electorate has spoken, but the break up in the votes tells me there is some division in the community between residents and non residents. I hope that the new council, particularly in its structuring of committees, will ensure a balance of residents and non residents and distribute the workload to all members of council. Finally, I encourage the new council to treat our staff in a fair and equitable manner. They do a great job and deserve your support." Oyler then thanked Reeve Jim McMahon and offered his best wishes to councillors Rick Ratcliff, Bill Obee and McMahon in their future endeavours.

Councillor Lisa Schell thanked the four departing men for their support. "This has been a huge learning curve for me and I still have lots to learn. You have been great mentors and I will miss you all."

Councillor Bill Obee said that he had enjoyed his time on council serving his community. "But I've made a decision that it is time to take a real retirement and it's something I'm really looking forward to."

Obee said he wouldn't be leaving the community and would continue to offer his support in any way that he could. He said that a lot had been accomplished during his term

on council and that there should be a lot of pride in that work. "I have great expectations in the new council and look forward to seeing what will happen."

Councillor and Reeve-elect Barbara Reid said that she looked forward to the next four years and to applying some of the lessons she had learned during her present term of council. She wished the four retiring members well and said, "I sincerely hope that you will continue to support your local government and will be there to observe and support us."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff, who said that he had promised himself he would not become emotional, obviously was moved. He said, "I would like to thank the sitting council. It has been a lovely four years."

Ratcliff thanked the staff. "You are just great," he said. "But mostly, I want to thank the people of Minden Hills. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve. Anyone who has the opportunity to serve should look at it as an honour and treat it as such."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch also thanked the four members of council that are leaving. Murdoch listed the improvements achieved over the past four years including the addition to the town office, the additions to the cultural centre and Riverwalk.

"I wish the outgoing members of council all the best and hope that you will pray for those of us who are left."

McMahon said that he had devoted almost a third of his life to the people of the community, working with the people for the people. Listing some of the council's accomplishments, McMahon said, "I leave with my head held high. It started with Ross Rigney who had a vision for the cultural centre. He asked me to take it to the next level and I have done that to the best of my ability. We should all be proud."

"There is still a lot of work to do and I am sure that under Barb Reid's leadership, you will take the municipality to the next level. I wish you all well."

McMahon also thanked clerk Cheryl McCarroll for keeping him on the straight and narrow. "I will definitely miss this. I would be lying if I said otherwise. I will still be here for everyone. I'm not leaving. When one door closes another opens. There are lots of opportunities out there and I will be pursuing them."

Murdoch thanked McMahon for being their 'fearless leader' for so many years. □

Lack of financial incentives offered in physician recruitment; Rosebush

(from page 8)

He also said there is a definite lack of financial incentives being offered. He added that, while the province has come up with a new strategy, many communities are offering additional incentives.

In addition to the challenges of recruiting physicians, Rosebush told the County Council that efforts to establish a Nurse Practitioner Program had proved to be a huge challenge for HHHS. "Provincial requirements say that we must have a physician's support and we could not find anyone to take the lead."

When it came to what other communities are doing, Rosebush said they are offering one time moving grants, hiring physician recruiters and even offering financial assistance to educate Doctors of Osteopathy. "That is a potential opportunity for a community like ours. Subsidizing a program like this is a long term strategy that could work."

Rosebush said that the primary message he would like to leave with the Council was the need to work together. He stressed the need to maintain open communications, saying "We must share our successes and concerns to ensure that we find the right professionals for our community."

He also stressed the importance of the new Council continuing to have discussions with him in an effort to create the best possible situation to recruit physicians.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey acknowledged that the recruitment committee continues to get

some flak for not doing enough. "They need to be creative and presently it's like fishing with a hook, but no bait. It's also very evident that some of the things that happen here put additional pressure on our EMS service."

"I think that it is important that the Council here takes this forward. I believe we need some frank discussion on some of these issues."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who sits on the recruitment committee and hopes to continue in that role, agreed with Fearrey. However, she also said that the committee works with a very small budget and can offer few incentives. "The new Council must look at this carefully and give the committee the necessary tools to recruit. Without the ability to offer some incentives, the committee will not be successful."

Harrison said, "The new Council must be aware of what the committee needs. We do not need criticism. In fact we need your help and to work together."

Harrison said that the Committee has not been given enough press and that many people are unaware that there is a recruitment committee. "A bit of press will alert other groups to the fact that we need help."

Later in the meeting, Harrison commented that while she believed that each member of County Council should take Rosebush's concerns back to their respective municipalities, she also strongly believed that recruitment of physicians should be handled at the County level. □

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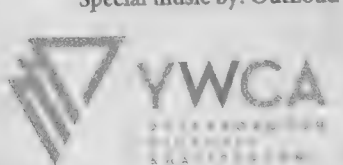
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Sandre and Brian Daoust, left, present Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHSF, and board member Hugh Nichol with a \$500 cheque.



On left, from left to right: Ed Otto, president of the Wilberforce & Area Volunteer Police Association; vice president Don Wilson; treasurer Pat Simiani; and board member Gwendolyn Saunders. On right, right to left: Peter Oyler, HHHSF chairman; Dale Robinson, HHHS chairman; Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director; board member Dave Coulson; treasurer Jan McMaster; and HHHSF board members John Bauman and Steve Todd.

Recent health services donations

By Mark Arike

The Wilberforce & Area Volunteer Police Association stepped up to support health services in the Highlands with a \$500 donation to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) on Nov. 29.

The funds will go towards the Holiday from the Heart Christmas Campaign – an initiative intended to help purchase cardiac care equipment, heart monitors, defibrillators and transport ventilators. The fundraising target is \$80,000.

Retired RBC employee and devoted local volunteer, Brian Daoust, presented the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) with a \$500 cheque on Nov. 19. Daoust received the funds through RBC's Employee Volunteer Grant program.

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School of the Arts embraces computer technology

New program is 'intersection of fine art, digital photography and design'

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton School of the Arts has added yet another new offering to its extensive line-up of programming.

Launching on Jan. 10 of the New Year, the four month, 14 course DID program (Digital Image Design) is aimed at elevating students' awareness of how computer technology can be used to enhance art and create what wouldn't otherwise be possible by strictly using traditional mediums.

"In this program, you will be introduced to a broad range of tools and techniques for the generation of digital images for output to both screen and print media, integrating digital photography and software tools as well as traditional artist's media," says the course description.

The Mac based program is the result of discussions that first started between Dar Bolahood, coordinator of the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program (VCAD), and college principal Sandra Dupret two years ago.

"Dar and I were chatting about where there's a gap in programming," said Dupret in a phone interview. "We talked about the gap for digital learners and expanded from there."

The two examined similar programs that other colleges were offering, and looked at ways of making the DID program different from them.

"Other colleges offer digital graphics programs that focus on software and tech. We're focusing on the visual arts component," Dupret explained.

Dar developed the program's curriculum last winter, and it was approved this summer. A program coordinator – Lorena Espinoza – was hired in September.

A Ryerson graduate with her own web development business, Espinoza brings years of industry experience to the table.

"I come from a creative direction background," Espinoza told the Voice.

Born in Chile and raised in Ottawa, Espinoza

studied fashion photography and opened up her own studio, where she taught photographers how to use Photoshop. Today, the Bracebridge resident teaches at the Huntsville high school and Georgian College.

Since taking on her new role, Espinoza has been working hard to promote the new program, as well as spread the word about the college campus itself.

"We've been promoting what makes the program unique, and how it integrates the analogue with the digital," Espinoza said.

Another part of her job is hiring course instructors – a process that has attracted many skilled applicants.

"Some have been interviewed," she said, adding that applications have been received from Canada and the United States.

The DID program is delivered in an intensive format – just like the other certificate programs – which means it provides students two semesters worth of classes in a 15-week time span. About 32.5 hours are spent in the classroom and another 15 hours of "technician-guided, independent studio time" is expected of students.

"The nice thing about a condensed program is that you're very integrated and consumed," Espinoza said. "You don't have a chance to drop that ball; you inherently are inundated with it."

A program that she refers to as "digital In-Design boot camp," DID includes courses like digital presentation, image elements and visual media culture.

A portfolio isn't required to apply to the program and an extensive knowledge of computers isn't necessary either. Espinoza believes that the program will give students a better idea as to what it is they want to do, and will also prepare them for further education.

"It allows them to prepare their portfolio and secure their skill set," she said.

Once students have completed their certificate, they can continue their education by enrolling in two or more semesters of study to obtain their VCAD. Graduates can also continue their arts education through transfer agreements with Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver



Lorena Espinoza is the program coordinator of the new Digital Image Design Program.

and OCAD University (formerly Ontario College of Art and Design).

At nearly \$5,300 (laptop and Adobe CS5 Standard not included), DID is one of the costlier certificate programs at the Haliburton campus. But as Bolahood points out, there are a number of overhead costs associated with keeping things running.

"There's a large format printer, communication equipment, a large format Mac station for editing, the cost to have a technician and printing ..." she said.

For those students who can't afford to have their own Mac with the required software, the college has a cost-effective option in place: a fully set-up laptop can be accessed for the full duration of the program for \$600.

According to the program's description, graduates can apply their skills to a number of careers including: film compositing/story board artist, computer and traditional animation, video game design, web design, fine art, graphic design, digital photography and advertising.

As for the future, Dupret envisions DID developing into a full-on graphic design program.

"Ideally, I'd like to see it expand to a graphic design program, which would be a one-year certificate," she said, explaining that students could graduate and move on, or get an advanced diploma in graphic design – with VCAD courses – in a year and a half.

Espinoza is enthusiastic about what the future holds in store. She's also proud to be part of an offering that would typically be found in a larger, urban centre.

"I'm excited that something like this can be in our community," she said. "It gives students who want to be in a smaller community that option, and provides them with a robust experience."

To learn more about the DID certificate program visit www.flemingdid.com or call the Haliburton campus at 705-457-1680.

Enrollment for January is open. □



Minden Auxiliary President Chris Wilde thanks the crowd for their generosity: Hospital to net minimum \$8000

Auxiliary "Under the Stars" hits one over the moon

By Stephen Patrick

Last month the Minden Hospital Auxiliary hosted a gala evening "Under the Stars" to raise money for various projects at the Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest. Auxiliary President Christine Wilde and her executive decided it was about time that the Minden Auxiliary organized a lavish, fun-filled gala as a major fundraiser: there was fabulous food, (by MCS Catering's Chris Price – also chef at Camp Kilcoo), silent and live auctions, as well as a loonie auction.

The event was held at the Minden Community Centre, where almost 180 people paid \$40 for the privilege of having a wonderful evening: "The best part of all was the final result," said Chris Wilde. "After all our expenses we'll have realized at least \$8,000 for projects at the Hospital and Hyland Crest."

"We couldn't be happier with the result, and we'd like to thank all the volunteers, all our Auxiliary members, and the community here and in Haliburton for their support."



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Minden celebrated Santa Day Saturday

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Decorating Minden

Photos by Lyn Winans

Minden Hills has had a week of preparation and celebration that had many residents and visitors out and about attending numerous events.

Anne Neave, (Campbell's Flower Shop and Garden Center) along with Minden Hills Township staff and students from Archie Stouffer school spent several days preparing and hanging decorations in the downtown area as demonstrated in the photo top of the page. Neave has been doing this for the past 18 years in memory of her dad, Mr. Hicks, Mr. Stamp and Mrs. Mills brought their grades four and five classes to town on Friday and decorated the trees in the flower boxes with decorations that the students made during their "day of kindness" the previous week.

The Festival of Trees also opened on Friday night, and continued until Sunday. Visitors to the Minden Hills Cultural Center wandered among the buildings throughout the weekend and enjoyed the assortment of beautifully decorated Christmas trees on display. A big hit with the kids was the monkey tree inside the old school house, the hand-crafted primates with colourful bananas hanging off the tree branches certainly made for a unique Christmas decoration. Proceeds from the event will support future programs about heritage, literacy, visual arts and the environment.

And overnight on Friday, as if pre-planned, mother nature provided a blanket of snow for the "big guy's" arrival to Minden on Saturday morning. People lined the main street to catch a glimpse of Santa, then many followed the parade up to the community center to check out the 36 vendors at the In SIRCH of a Perfect Christmas, and to have photos taken with Santa. At left, this tot was wowed by the displays as she found a 'perfect' Christmas at the SIRCH event.

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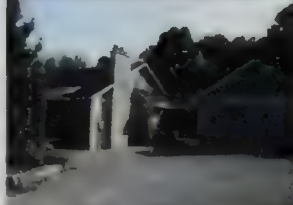
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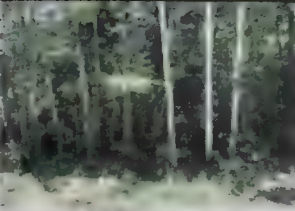


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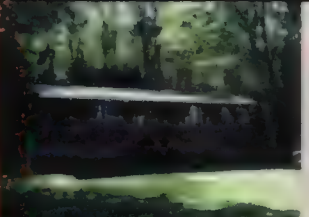


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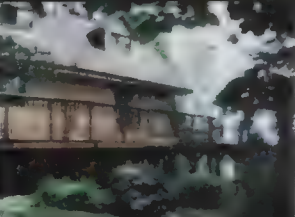


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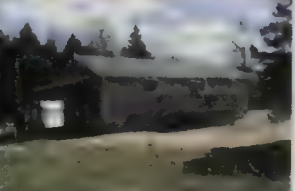


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Home Builders seek public's help in annual Christmas challenge

By Mark Arike

Not all Haliburton County families can afford to give their kids the gift of Christmas. For some, it's a struggle to just put food on the table.

For the 15th year in a row, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) – a voluntary organization that represents the local building industry – is coming to the aid of those families, and by doing so, is challenging members of the public to help make a difference.

"The challenge is simple," said executive officer Aggie Tose in a press release.

The HCHBA is looking for unwrapped toys or food items – which can be collected at an office or Christmas party, or elsewhere. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the 4Cs for families in need.

"Whether our need has been for food, for money, for toys or for on line voluntary assistance, your members have always been there for us," said 4Cs representatives.

Those who plan to collect toys or food are asked to contact the HCHBA's office in advance at 705-457-2629. Members of the organization will pick up gifts and deliver them to workshops (where they will be prepared for families) in Haliburton and Minden.

To make the most of this year's challenge, please have gifts ready before Dec. 10 for pick up. □



Santa arrives at Rails End



Terri Johnson shares a Christmas song at the Tree lighting ceremony.

Rick and Terri bring out the crowd for tree lighting ceremony

By George Ferrell

It was a bitterly cold wind and plummeting temperatures that greeted the few people who initially showed up at 5:30 p.m. this past Friday, November 26. It was the occasion of the lighting of the big tree in the town square, an event organized by the Haliburton BIA.

"Music will bring the people out," Master of Ceremonies Jerelyn Craden was heard to say. MPP Rick Johnson and wife Terri were

the entertainment for the event.

"I just love playing guitar in minus ten degrees," said Johnson, only half-kidding. Terri and Rick got right down to it, and like magic, Haliburtonians emerged in numbers. Youngsters and oldsters alike started bopping to the catchy Christmas pop tunes, as Terri went into the crowd and engaged the wee ones.

Hot chocolate was provided by Youth Unlimited, and helped to ward

off the cold. Then it was time for the lighting of the big tree, kindly donated by Jerry and Helen Lis. Suddenly the silent-dark tree sprang to life with light. "Oohs" and "ahhs" were heard as faces cracked with appreciative smiles.

The evening had officially begun, and the stage was set for Santa. □



Above Left: Children's author Janet Stobie reads her book "Spectacular Stella" to kids. Left: Chyna Schell photographs kids with Santa in the lower gallery. Above: Janet Stobie, left, joins Santa and Rails End Gallery director Laurie Jones for some laughs.



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Art Gallery visit from Santa

Santa and a few other friends brought some Christmas cheer to the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre in Haliburton this past Saturday during what has become an annual tradition.

In addition to being able to have their photo taken with jolly old St. Nick, kids participated in an art activity station and were read to by children's author Janet Stobie.



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Inspector Thomas (Shawn Hagerman), centre, leans over to question the young Jan Warwick (Justin van Lieshout) in the murder case, while Sergeant Cadwallader (Louis McIntyre) takes notes.

Voice reporter plays dead

By Mark "The Carcass" Arike

A gunshot rings out. The scorching lights illuminate the stage. Audience members giggle, point and stare at the wreck of a man sitting motionless in his wheelchair. Some even recognize who the actor portraying the murdered Richard Warwick is; one is overheard saying, 'there's Mark!'

No told me playing a dead guy would be easy. I got to learn that the hard way when invited to perform on the second night (Nov. 26) of Highland Little Theatre's production of Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest* in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

When asked to be one of four Mr. Warwick's (a different actor for each show: Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, Hal High principal Dan Marsden, Bill Gliddon and me), I was promised no lines and little rehearsal time.

"You won't be able to move for about 40 minutes," director Curtis Eastmure told me when I was introduced to the role.

Not a big deal, I thought. Well, it actually turned out to be more like 39 minutes and 58 seconds of stillness: When Michael Starkwelder (Brian Kipping) stumbles into my study and pokes my lifeless shoulder my head makes a slight tilt to the right, revealing some oozing red crimson from my head and ear.

The crowd gasps, some chuckle.

Full of colourful, and some crazy characters, *The Unexpected Guest* took viewers on a ride full of several twists and turns, where anyone and everyone is a possible suspect. In the end, the killer turns out to be someone that most wouldn't suspect.

But who wouldn't want to kill me? An uncontrollable, Brandy sippin', gun-wielding maniac who gets his kicks out of shooting walls, small animals and taking aim at some humans, I'm a man disliked by many. Even my wife Laura (Sue Black) doesn't seem that devastated by my untimely death.

The last time I took to the Northern Lights stage was during my Hal High heydays, about seven years ago. This silent, but key role, allowed me to get a taste of that again: The auditorium smell, the lights, the relentless pacing back and forth backstage – it all tickles my fancy.

A part of me still wishes that I had stayed in that spotlight well after graduation. Well, thanks to *The Voice's* publisher Jack Brezina, I was invited to make my comeback in this quality Little Theatre production. The cast and production crew were all extremely professional and fun to work with, each willing to accept this novice actor onto the team. Some were familiar faces and others I hadn't met until now.

Special thanks go to director Curtis Eastmure, who even invited me to an after party with the crew. Sorry for not making it; I retired slightly earlier than usual for a Saturday night (ahhh ... the exhausting life and times of a roving reporter). Your clear direction and willingness to answer questions actually made me feel comfortable for being a first-timer at this dead guy act.

Time to sign off: I have to get away from the computer so my chiropractor can ease this neck pain ... wonder where it came from. □

Make way for The Nutcracker

Heritage Ballet hits the Northern Lights stage for seventh consecutive year

By Mark Arike

It's almost showtime for Heritage Ballet dancers.

In less than two weeks, the spotlights will shine brightly on them as they perform their rendition of the timeless classic, *The Nutcracker*. About 54 young dancers between the ages of 13 and 17 will star in the seventh annual production during two shows in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

"There are always little surprises that we throw in," said Julie Barban, director of the play and owner of Heritage Ballet, when prodded for clues as to what audiences can expect.

"I don't want to give too much away," she smiled.

Filled with graceful moves, striking costumes and adorable dancers recruited from the Highlands, *The Nutcracker* is a two-act ballet based on "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" – a classic story by German author E.T.A. Hoffman.

The whimsical plot follows a young girl named Marie who dreams of a Nutcracker prince and a fierce battle against a mouse king with seven heads. Throughout the acts, Marie goes on a magical trip in her dreams where toys come to life and dancing snowflakes appear – among many other things.

Though Heritage Ballet's version is mainly made up of child performers, audiences can expect to see some adults in the opening party scene.

"There are many versions of *The Nutcracker*," Barban said, explaining that in most renditions – such as the one by the National Ballet of Canada – the Sugarplum Fairy has a connection with *The Nutcracker*.

In her production, however, *The Nutcracker* forms a bond with the young girl Marie – similar to George Balanchine's version.

"That's usually what I do with mine, except when I have an older person playing the role of *The Nutcracker*. Then I go with the other version," she said.

Each performer is integral to the overall story, but some are required to dance more than others.

"I'd say that the Sugarplum Fairy is the big role. Snow Queen is a big role as well, and there are a few other lead dance roles," Barban said.



The Nutcracker is featured in many of the scenes, but surprisingly, he does more observing than dancing.

"The dances are all presented to him and Marie," Barban said.

For the past two seasons, Toronto-based singer Paul White played *The Nutcracker* role. Prior to White, Hal High student Justin van Lieshout filled those shoes.

In the past, there have been times when the search for a *Nutcracker* has virtually been effortless. This year wasn't one of them.

"This year, I had no clue," Barban admitted.

One night, while bringing her daughter to a hip-hop dance class led by her newest instructor, Gustavo Alexis Rojas, Barban had an epiphany: Her future *Nutcracker* was standing right in front of her.

"At first, he automatically said 'yes', but later he asked what it's all about," Barban recalled. After telling him that the show had a heavy ballet focus, she thought he was a bit "freaked out."

Soon after, she began looking for another *Nutcracker*; that second search eventually "fizzled out" and Barban checked back with Rojas to see if he would commit to the important role.

"When I asked Gustavo again, I had a definite 'yes' and I was very happy."

A Chilean native who now resides in the Highlands and is one of three partners in Highland Park Homes, Rojas was first discovered by Barban at a Michael Jackson tribute show that he performed at with County Voice reporter Mark Arike in June. She immediately took notice of his dancing abilities and pulled him to the side to ask if he'd be interested in teaching.

As a result of that chance encounter, Rojas has been leading classes for kids of all ages at the studio since September and continues to do so.

In addition to the enchanting dances one can expect to see, the attire that dancers will wear is a sight in itself. Most of the outfits are from previous performances, with a few adjustments and some sprucing up. "The pancake tutus are reused each year,"

Barban said of the creations crafted by Dani Smolen. "I made new poinsettia tutus ... I have a courtier costume coming from Russia and a boy's China tea costume from China."

To make sure you don't miss what is likely to be another success under Heritage Ballet's belt, get your tickets now. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton or Pharmasave in Minden.

For more information call Julie at 705-457-1990 or email julie.barban@gmail.com. □

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Gallery book holds visitor feedback, curator wants to upgrade with computer system

By Mark Arike

Memories, observations, opinions and criticism are all written down on paper in one book that has found its home at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

"I call it 'speak to the artist'," said gallery curator Laurie Carmount.

For each exhibition held at the gallery, fresh sheets are put into the binder so that visitors can speak their minds.

"For me, it's really important. I see the curator as a liaison between the viewer and the artist."

The more opportunity they have to convey what it is they feel, I think they inevitably become more involved," Carmount said.

Comments in the book – from local, national and international visitors – include a variety of statements.

One in particular, from the recent Canadian Juried Landscape Exhibition, stands out in Carmount's mind when she goes to open the binder.

"It makes me delighted to be Canadian," read Carmount.

"I just became a Canadian and it's great. Long live Canada."

The comment came from a visitor from Copenhagen, Denmark, and is an example of the statements that come in praising the featured artists and the gallery.

And the type of feedback that comes in, said Carmount, is also great for the artist's personal development and growth.

"I think artists need to consider that feedback. It's a way to grow and connect," she said.

Once an exhibition ends, one copy of the statements are given to the artists, another is kept for the gallery's records.

With ongoing advances in technology and more people becoming connected, Carmount hopes to get a computerized system in the gallery.

"We would set-up a communication terminal between the artist and the viewer," she explained. "So you would come in, log-in and type in questions and the artist would have an opportunity to respond."

Though one-on-ones with the artist and chats during a show opening tend to be the best way to communicate with an artist, Carmount points out that not everyone is able to take advantages of those opportunities.

The book with comments on paper would still likely remain should a computer system be introduced.

Due to the costs associated with getting a computer, Carmount doesn't know when her vision would become reality, but she is remaining optimistic.

"It would be nice if we could start into it sometime next year," she said. "We have the technology and know-how, but it's just a matter of getting the equipment here."



Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, reviews a book of comments that has been in the gallery since she started working there.



Dawn Piersey, with her banner, "Puffin"



Caitlyn Beers, with her favourite banner, "Envined", which was created in her favourite colours by her grandma, Sue Bennett. Caitlyn's mom, Misty, was the top bidder.

Minden Banner Festival

The Minden Banner Festival concluded on Sunday when final bidding took place at the Minden Legion. Proceeds from the auction will be used to support next year's Minden Hills Festival of Banners.



Bidding for Carolyn Stewart's, The Fisherman, was still going on with seconds until the deadline.

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Redstone River Luge Donates to Artists in the Schools program

The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands has received a donation of \$2546.96 from Robert Van Nood and Lesley English on behalf of the Redstone River Luge Club to support the Artists in the Schools Program.

From 2002 to 2007, the Redstone River Luge Club provided volunteer opportunities for youth, professional training in the sport of luge, and in safety. This new sport had a low environmental impact, provided a cost effective winter sport for youth and was marketed locally as well as outside of Haliburton County.

After five years, the Club was wrapped up as younger members moved on to other activities.

"We have chosen to make this donation to Artists in the Schools in order to continue supporting activities for youth in Haliburton County," said Robert Van Nood, one of the Club's previous Board members. "Our thanks go to Lesley English; Doug Smith; David, Tammy, Mitchell & William Rea; Paula Pepping; Kurt & Lisa Herzog; and Matt McAllister. Without their commitment to the Luge Club and their countless volunteer hours,

we would not have enjoyed a successful five year run with the sport here in Haliburton. This donation to the Artists in the Schools program would also not have been possible."

The Artists in the Schools Program continues to need community support. Together, we can ensure our talented local artists will enrich the lives of students in all elementary schools in Haliburton County.

If you would like more information, to request a presentation or to make a donation, please contact Education Coordinator, Gail Stelter 457-8033 gail@haliburtonarts.on.ca



Kindness Day at Hal High

By Terrance Gavan

*"I learned the truth at seventeen
That love was meant for beauty queens
And high school girls with clear-skinned smiles
Who married young and then retired." Janis Ian, 1975*

I don't know if singer-songwriter Janis Ian was on the inside or the outside of the creepy clique's cartel at New Jersey's East Orange High.

I do know that the song above was written as an angst-dappled commentary on teenage cruelty, bullying and how it feels to dwell on the fringes of a peer group that equates acceptance with conformity.

Bullying takes its toll.

On psyches, on bodies, on life.

In high school, for incoming students - and existing iconoclasts - the effects of bullying, violence and cyber crankiness can leave deep scars.

That's why schools across Ontario last week celebrated benevolence and agreed to instill a zero-tolerance mandate against bad behavior and bullying.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board declared on Thursday, Nov 18, Kindness Day. The TLDSB, in its presser, described the second annual Kindness Day as a "day-long immersion in a life-long dream." Noble cause; nicely put.

For Grade 9 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Kindness Day started with an assembly in the Northern Lights Pavilion.

There they were treated to a powerful multi-layered tribute, featuring video, skits, live dance, and music by Elke Zilla's Grade 11 drama class.

The young players put themselves out there on stage.

Zilla warned the grade nines that their Grade 11 peers were stretching their chops. They assumed roles that were uncomfortable and quite difficult to portray.

Rough and tumble roles. And kudos to the drama class. They were faithful to the script, and all of portrayals were brutally honest. Some shocking.

All disturbing. Pictures of just how mean people can be.

Sometimes without thought. And sometimes quite deliberately.

We were told in the course of the presentation that bullying is defined in many ways. Facebook pokes, physical abuse, cruel taunts, passive aggressive pranks and general bad behavior are no longer acceptable in schools across Ontario.

The assembly began with a stirring video rendition of the Ben E King classic "Stand by Me" performed by musicians, choirs and bands from around the world - all part of the Playing for Change coalition.

"No matter who you are ... no matter where you go, in life; you're gonna need somebody to stand by you." The song itself is a succinct mandate against balkanization of our marginal brethren.



Hal High students celebrated Kindness Day with a performance in the Northern Lights Pavilion on November 18.

An indictment of those of us who stand in the wings giving tacit approval to bullying.

The old saw goes that if you ain't part of the solution; you're part of the problem.

We were told many times throughout the course of the assembly last Thursday that zero tolerance means just that.

When we see bad behavior and bullying it's not okay to stand in the wings.

Incoming Grade 9 students were peppered with the full monte. That iconic song, and those rough-edged skits detailing in minute detail what constitutes unacceptable behavior.

Disturbing facts strolled across the screen for the duration of the 30 minute Grade 11 presentation.

For instance a stunning revelation that suicide is the second most prevalent cause of death for young people aged 15-24.

The last half of the assembly featured a short film written, directed and produced by students at Hal High. The film presented twin scenarios. Both involved bullying.

One of our protagonists had a friend, one of those stand by me types, and we see a successful intervention. In the second vignette a young man dies. Suicide.

It's a good hard-hitting video. Frank where it needs to be.

Sometimes we have to be cruel to be kind. Sometimes rhetoric ain't enough. Sometimes we have to see that actions have consequences.

The assembly ended with a full complement of awards to Grade 9s for deeds of kindness presented by vice-principal Irv Sternberg. He was joined on stage by Bruce Griffith and Principal Dan Marsden.

The awards were a result of a month long initiative where students are recognized for small acts of kindness.

Sternberg said that there's still a few weeks left in the program.

He said he hopes that the act of kindness program will continue long after the awards stop. □

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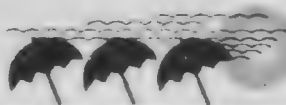


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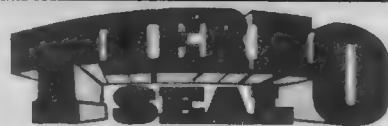
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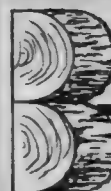
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Red Hawks forward Brett Yake (94) scored two goals and two assists in Kawartha League action last Thursday.
Photos by Laura Redman

Red Hawks win Ottawa tourney

By: Terrance Gavan

The Hal High Red Hawks 'got ér done' this week at a prestigious Ottawa high school hockey tournament.

Hawks went through the round robin portion of the Fifth Annual Capital High School tournament undefeated (3-0), and on Tuesday they mustered enough energy to edge out the Louis Riel Rebels 3-2 in a thrilling overtime final.

Oddly enough, the Hawks actually had to defeat the Rebels twice on Tuesday as they played them in the final of their round robin event on Tuesday morning.

The Hawks beat the Rebels 4-3 to finish their draw at 3-0 earning a free ride to the finals.

Brett Yake scored both goals in regulation and veteran stalwart Keaton Gadway - with assists from Drew Paul and Mark Vasey - popped the golden goal at 1:59 of overtime to seal the deal.

Gadway's goal capped off a marvelous tournament for the Hawks.

The Hawks have a nucleus of returning veterans and that's what it takes to win in this kind of tourney.

Haliburton started on Monday with a 6-1 victory over All Saints Avalanche and followed that up with a 4-3 victory over St Joe's Jaguars on Monday afternoon.

In the final the Hawks trailed the Rebels 1-0 after two periods.

Vasey assisted on both of Yake's goals. Vasey finished with three assists including that important helper on Gadway's winner. Drew Paul notched the other assist in the game.

Coach Ron Yake was ecstatic.

"Oh yes it was very good tournament for the boys and I think it was important that they did so well," said Yake on Tuesday morning. "We were lucky that the first game was against one of the weaker teams. We played well against the Avalanche team

and ended up winning quite easily. In that second game against St Josephs we hung on for the 4-3 win."

Yake was surprised to see the Rebels in the finals after earning that close round robin decision against them earlier in the day.

"They finished at 2-1 and managed to advance against us again on the basis of goals scored," said Yake.

"Both Goalies (Andrew Elia and Zach Harrison) had a very strong tourney and they should be proud of themselves," said Yake.

And that's a key, considering that the goal position figured to be the one spot that might be suspect this year after the departure of Paddy Manuge and Alex Monk-Cray.

Coach Yake said that after this weekend and a home opener 9-3 win over Lakefield High School, the goaltending position has been officially designated: safe and secure.

"Andy played very well especially in that close second game against St. Josephs," said Yake.

Yake did not want to single out any one player saying that it was, in the end, a team effort. He said that the power play was very strong and added that their three line speed and defensive pop has a tendency to frustrate slower teams.

And when that happens the clutches and the grabs begin.

"We stay on top of teams and we capitalize on penalties when they occur," said Yake. "It was very pleasing for every one on this team to win the tournament. I haven't taken a team to the Ottawa area before and they do play some good hockey there." Perusal of the score sheets also showed that the Hawks were a bit of an anomaly in the tourney, playing with an unusually short bench.



Hal High forward Brandon Yake finishes a check while Ashton Hailey looks for the puck in home-opener action at the Dysart Barn on Thursday. Hawks beat Lakefield High 9-3.

"We were down a few players," said Yake. "We were short Brandon (Yake) and Jordan Howe up front, and Zach Boice on defense. But the rest of the guys stepped up and played very hard."

"It was a great two days of high school hockey, very competitive, and especially exciting to win in overtime in the final game," said Yake. "We've never taken a team to the Ottawa, so it was gratifying."

Meanwhile in their home opener last Thursday afternoon at the old Dysart Barn the Hawks thumped Lakefield High School 9-3.

Brett Yake led the team with two goals and two assists. Bottum and Griffith scored twice, with Haley, Vasey and Gadway earned singles to round out the scoring.

"It was a great home opener," said Yake. "Once we got rolling and created pressure they (Lakefield) took some penalties and I think we had three power plays in a row; and that's the strength of our team; our speed and our aggressiveness and we're strong enough to score if we do get the chances on the power play."

Hawks are at the Barn at 4 pm on Friday against Thomas A Stewart.

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Gav on Sports

Another disappointing Grey Cup – Jimbo Daley loses again

By Terrance Gavan

Edmonton – The rather angry looking woman at the Grey Cup bag check station asked me what was in my Samsonite knapsack.

I said what I thought she wanted to hear.

"Absolutely no booze ma'am," I replied, smiling my frosted butt off.

"What the hell is that?" she said, scowling at my camera.

"That's a Canon camera, ma'am," I said, still grinning, but now acutely aware that booze or no booze, she was not a happy camper.

"How big is that thing on the front of it," she queried, face rigid as granite.

"What thing is that ma'am?" I asked.

"Take it out and I'll show you what damn thing," she said.

I took out my camera with the long zoom lens.

"There, smart ass, the long white thing ... what is it?"

Now she was glaring and I suddenly felt a looming presence over my left shoulder.

One of Edmonton's finest, dressed in yellow, and riding a snazzy looking Cannondale mountain bike, saw the smoke sifting from the top of my bag checker's noodle and decided to stop by for a closer look.

"Answer the question son," said the friendly cop.

"That ma'am is my Canon 70-200, f4 zoom lens," I said.

"It's too big," she said.

"The camera?" I ventured.

"The camera, the camera, and that long white thing ... it's too damn big," she said glancing up at the cop, who was now smiling.

"What should I do?" I asked.

"Well, you absolutely can't take that thing out of your bag when you get to your seat," she said.

And I must have been smiling. Because she took a new tack, no doubt chagrined at my rather cavalier attitude.

"You just try to take that thing out," she said. "We've got security cameras all over this stadium and if they see you with that camera they'll come and take it away."

"The camera?" I said. "You'll take my camera away ma'am?"

"No not me," she said. "One of our security guys. They're big. They'll come to your seat, take your camera and you'll never see it again. And quit calling me ma'am ... it's irritating."

"Is that true officer?" I said to the cop, who was chuckling and

making a move to get back on his bike.

"Oh, I could see it being a little irritating," said the cop.

"No officer," I smiled. "Do you have a special camera removal team in there?"

He shrugged.

"What are you asking him for," said the bag check lady. "Just you get the hell in the stadium, and don't take that camera out."

The cop tipped his hat, got on the bike and winked. "Enjoy the game ... where you from?"

"Toronno," I said.

My friend was already engrossed in another bag, but when she heard Toronno, she looked up quickly.

"Why didn't you tell me that," she barked. "I would have talked slower, you idiot."

My six cronies, the University of Manitoba Grey Cup Reunion Club, had their phones out snapping pics and videos.

I am assuming that my tete-a-tete at the bag check station at the 98th Annual Grey Cup game is being viewed by someone in Warsaw and Swift Current as we speak.

And yes of course my camera was out just as soon as I hit my seat, perusing the Saskatchewan sideline.

I was scanning the sidelines in full zoom, looking for my old friend Jim Daley. It didn't take long for my lens to spot him pacing the sidelines. Jim went prematurely grey back in high school – cautionary tale for coaches everywhere – and he's the Roughrider special teams coach. We went to school together – he was three years ahead of me – at St Pius X Preparatory Seminary.

Jim Daley was old school.

Absolutely devoted to the game, its nuance and the ebb and flow.

I was at Carleton University and he was teaching and coaching football at Pius when I was back there helping another old friend Pat Jennings as an assistant coach with the Pius junior hoops squad. Mid February and Jimbo was forever in the staff room, diagramming football plays.

Coaching was everything for Jim Daley.

He coached Ottawa University, moved on from there to many coaching jobs with various CFL clubs.

I ran into him at Panorama ski resort many years back while he was a line coach with Calgary.

He was recuperating from heart surgery.

I ran my favorite Jim Daley story past him.

Back when he was at University he was helping Teddy Larose

coach the Pius Seniors.

This is back in 73 and Teddy had: One. Firm. Rule.

No swearing.

None. Never.

That day everyone was on the bus. It was half time and we were taking a kicking, 21-0 at the hands of another Catholic High School, cross town rivals St Joseph's.

Teddy was chatting on the field with the St Joe's coaching staff when Jimbo came up the stairs of the bus.

"Where's Ted ... where's Teddy?" asked Daley.

We pointed out the window at Teddy about 70 yards away.

Daley looked at the driver and said, "Shut the door."

Then he looked at me and said, "You let me know when Ted's comin'."

The speech started: "All right you \$%&*(&(\$%\$#! ..."

And for three minutes Jim Daley did not take a breath.

he used a famous expletive as a verb, noun, adjective, adverb, conjunction and acronym.

I looked up to see Teddy motoring toward the bus.

"Jimbo," I said.

"What the f\$#@%^&* do you want Gavan?" said Jimbo, eyes the size of tea saucers.

"Teddy," I said, just as the driver was opening the door.

Jim nodded. As Ted entered he looked at Mr. Larose.

"Okay Ted, they're all yours, I just went over some sets with the line," said Jimbo.

Ted Larose was 5'6", a true gentleman and a super nice guy.

He went over the game plan and some assignments and then ended with the Lord's Prayer.

The team went out and absolutely dismembered St. Joes. Final 44-28.

And I'll always remember 44 football players biting their tongues sitting on the bus after the game.

Jimbo smiled at Ted, shook his hand and said: "Nice game coach. I think that second Our Father really set us up for the second half."

The most amazing thing?

Jimbo absolutely meant every single word.

Know what?

The Riders may have lost that game on Sunday.

But their special teams never missed one assignment.

Great f\$#@%&ing game coach.

Oh. And my camera came home. □

Hodgson changes agents and ups the ante in the Peg

By Terrance gavan

Haliburton's adopted son, Cody Hodgson knows how to draw a crowd. On and off the ice. Last weekend, the Vancouver Province reported: "All of the Vancouver Canucks coaches and most of the team's senior management team were in Abbotsford, BC on Saturday (Nov 27) night to watch the Manitoba Moose beat the Abbotsford Heat 3-1.

"All eyes figured to be on Cody Hodgson and he didn't disappoint. Hodgson scored the game-winner and also added an empty-netter in what was just the latest in a recent string of impressive performances."

Hodgson leads all Moose scorers with 10 goals and is tied for the Moose lead in overall scoring. The skinny in Van-City? The Canucks are still playing without a full complement of forwards. Canucks placed fourth liner Peter Schaefer on waivers last week.

Rick Rypien, after a recent indiscretion with a fan in the stands, is out with an upper body injury – waaay upper. Rypien is apparently gone indefinitely, taking personal time to deal with a stress-related noggin disorder.

The shake and jiggle funky blog/pundit factory is rife with speculation regarding Hodgson, a Highlands cottager who got his hockey start here in Haliburton at the Dysart Barn when his dad Chris was Reeve, and then Conservative MLA for the area.

All this rejuvenated speculation comes not too long after Hodgson's rather disappointing start with the Moose. Hodgson was scoreless after five games.

Now? Hodgson leads the Moose with 10 goals, and 15 points, tied for the team scoring lead with Sergei Shirokov. The good ship Hodgson is upright, and the magic hands are back.

Now, Canuck fans want to know not if, but when Hodgson will be called up.

If Cody continues to find twine, the 2008 first rounder – 10th overall – might just become mired in the muddled muck of a Nazem Kadri situation.

Kadri was called up because the Maple Leafs are moribund, and Kadri is a local product, and the Leafs are terrible, Kadri is a likeable

guy and oh yeah, the Leafs clunk like an Edsel. Really. Horrible. Fan pressure forced resident genius GM, Brian "Not-Sam-Pollock" Burke to reevaluate the Kadri situation and shortly after declaring that Kadri was exactly where he belonged – down on the farm. That all changed when needy pundits and chagrined fans turned up the heat. The stew simmered and Burkie caved.

The Hodgson situation is not yet as viral as the Kadri melodrama. But the fever pitch is shaking like a November leaf in the big V.

It's lovely prime time AHL/NHL fare, a speculative soap, starring a slow-sizzlin' Canucks team who blow hot and cold as an outbound Chinook; and a square jawed prodigy – Cody Hodgson – chiseled right outta' central casting.

This story has everything. And Hodgson is doing and saying all the right things. In a recent Hockey News article Hodgson told writer Patrick Williams: "The decision is up to somebody else. All I can do is play my best here. Obviously, I'd like to be up as soon as possible; like any competitive person you want to play at the highest level possible. But I'm having fun here. It's a great team, great atmosphere, with a bunch of young guys and good mix of older guys."

Moose coach Claude Noel, a veteran hard nut, told Hockey News that he is pleased with Hodgson six weeks into the season.

"He (Hodgson) has been good as of late," Noel said. "I think he is having a good time. He is doing a good job in a lot of areas, but he is getting pucks to the net, making plays and he is getting rewarded for those things."

Jeff Tambellini and not Hodgson eventually got the call up to replace Schaefer who sailed through waivers.

But with Hodgson popping pucks at an incredibly precocious pace, can the Canucks afford to keep him "down on the farm?"

The back is healthy, the bulged disk and muscle tear have responded to treatment.

Hodgson brought in a new agent Rich Winter and dumped his old beancounter Don Meehan.

He's comfortable, motivated and feeling more secure about his back. I'm guessing that Hodgson will be well-entrenched as a top six forward or third line center long before Christmas. □



Karate enthusiasts Josh Chapple (left) and Caleb McAuley

Karate Update Haliburton

This year our annual karate tournament was held on Sunday Nov 14, 2010 above the hockey arena, from 11:30 am until 5:30 pm. This year was the biggest to date; the tournament is invitational to Dojos in good standing within the Kai-Shin Karate organization. Ten dojos participated some as far away as London and Windsor Ontario with a total of 100 competitors and 25 Black Belts judging. The shiai was very well organized with no injuries and fun for all involved.

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Two young Hal High students prepare for another year of Snowcross racing

By Terrance Gavan

What draws two young guys, Cody Withey and Kevin Brand to the eye-popping sport of competitive snow-cross racing?

Call it a family affair.

Call it an exciting way to warm-up a long winter.

Mostly, it's just fun.

"It's exhilarating, fast-paced and intense," says Brand, an 18-year-old, Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands High School.

Withey, a 14-year-old, Grade 10 Hal High student says he's been racing snow-cross for two years and just started racing ATV-Cross events last summer.

"My parents threw me on a sled a few years ago and now ... I just love it," says Cody, who has just come off a very successful ATV racing season.

He placed first overall in his final ATV event in Cobourg on Sept 12.

Cody says that one sport meshes nicely with the other.

Both involve taking substantial air over strategically built berms built into a bump and gun course.

And you know what they say about big air.

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"I like the competition, the travel ... the jumps can be intimidating, but it's a great sport," says Cody.

What started out a couple of years ago as a larger two-family pursuit has been whittled down by the vagaries of age, responsibility and getting on with life.

The Brand brothers Jeff and Kevin, along with Cody, Kandice and Bill (aka Dad) Withey formed the nucleus of a team (the ad hoc name a blend of their major sponsors: Prepared Surfaces/Tek Rider Racing) that has been racing out of Minden Hills for several years.

Kandice Withey is a nurse, and despite finishing second in her trail sport women's event last year, her racing has been curtailed somewhat by her job in Lindsay. Jeff Brand is still racing semi-pro, but again his schedule has been downsized because of commitments at university.

So this winter season the Prepared Surfaces/Tek Rider team is down to three racers Bill, Cody and Kevin. Steve Brand brings his expertise in machine maintenance to every race.

The Withey's manage Prepared Surfaces (restoration of Log Homes and Cottages) and Steve and Nancy Brand run the Tekvest/Tekrider protective gear business out of Minden Hills.

Kristen works part time with a real estate agency in Haliburton, but her full time gig includes work as the team's official photographer, stats compiler, travel agent and cheerleader. Nancy Brand and Kristin also fill roles as proud - if sometime wincing - moms.

"The Racers on the race team split up between our two families Steve and Nancy Brand and Bill and I," says Kristin. "We enjoy it ... but sometimes, yes I have to close my eyes."

Enter Tek Vest/Tek Rider, which provides the racers with a full line of protective clothing, helmets and body armor. (Google Tek Rider and Prepared Surfaces for info.)

Not that there are any guarantees in the no-holds barred sport of competitive Snow-X.

But of course there are also no guarantees in football, hockey or other knockabout games that kids play.

Sometimes an eye-poppin' run up a ramp and 15 feet of air forces mom to look away, or squint very, very hard.

Other times it's eyes wide-shuttered for Kristin, staring through the lens of her camera at strategic points in the race.

Usually at the midway section of a challenging riser.

Her vibrant photography of the team at work graces the photo section of this piece. Many thanks Kristin.

The moms are on board with the fun, and they recognize the dangers inherent in the sport, but they are also cognizant of the strictly held bylaws that govern this popular and burgeoning sport.

The X-Games, televised world-wide, have served to underline the steep learning curves and nuanced energy of ATV and snowmobile cross events. They also offer a full slate of rules and regulations that are adopted for all competitive racing organizations across North America.

Of course, the snow-sled trick section of the X-Games has brought the full-adrenalin-charged Red Bull zap and zing to all facets of the Snow-X racing community.

The hype culminated with young Levi Lavallee's attempt to land a double back flip on a snowmobile at the Winter X Games in Aspen.

A double back full had never been done before. The attempt itself drew world-wide attention to both trick and Snow-X racing.

He didn't ride it away. But he nailed the double. And walked away.

The attempt and others like it garnered countless millions of YouTube hits and was featured on cable sports networks like

ESPN and TSN and on worldwide news.

No wonder two young men in cottage country - where snowmobiles abound on frozen lakes and are used as a secondary form of travel - are drawn to the sport of Snow-X.

It's cool. It's smart. It's the complete package.

It's a full-on juke and jive, and it sure beats those quick 10 second spurts across Head Lake from the stop lights to the Park and back. (With the necessary stop at Greg's for refueling.)

"I love everything about it," says Kevin. "I'm looking forward to moving on with the sport, but of course university has to come first next year."

Kevin was a member of the very successful senior Red Hawk football team this year. His 'full metal jacket' tackles were probably just as jarring as the landing off a 30-foot snow-covered berm. This winter he will again compete as a member of the very successful Red Hawk snowboard team.

"I'm on my victory lap this year (cohort or fifth year) and it's fun," says Kevin.

Cody meanwhile, was on the wrestling team last year, and he has been involved in rep league hockey since he was six. None of that compares with the exhilarating rush up a riser in a tight-knuckled pack of four sleds at full throttle.

This year he's coming off that inaugural year of ATV-X, and he says he dreams of advancing and perhaps travelling to the States to take part in some X-Events down there.

"I really like the ATV event and I think that's what I'd like to concentrate on," says Cody. "And I'm doing pretty well ... not bad for my first year."

Not bad at all. His results have consistently improved from fledgling races at the beginning of the summer. He says he feels a bit more comfortable on the sandy berms. Although he adds that the sports are complementary.



Top: Cody Withey flies off a berm while competing in one of the many Snowcross event that Minden's Withey-Brand team run in during their busy winter racing schedule. Above: Withey is also an up and coming ATV rider in the demanding summer X-Cross tour. Photos submitted by: Kristin Withey

Cody finished second overall in CMRC against Ontario riders. "But the most impressive fact is that he competed in the Canada Cup series (three races in Ontario and two in Quebec)," says Kristin. "It brings pro riders from all over including the states. He finished second overall. That makes him the number 2 plate in Canada in his category, and that's pretty impressive for his first year."

"Next year he will be competing in intermediate which is one level below pro and will be racing riders anywhere between 17 to 25 years of age."

Right now Cody and Kevin are preparing for the start of that Snow-X year on Dec 3-4 at Calabogie Peaks near Ottawa.

Calabogie makes snow for the ski hill and they will have a track up for the first race of the season.

After that it's a full slate of weekends traveling to places like Rouyn-Noranda, Barrie, Kitchener and places in between.

"The travel is fun, and the people are always friendly," says Cody.

Kevin says the travel is hectic, but it also serves to stretch one's horizons.

HB Cycle offers the team discount in parts and accessories and Kristen says that the team is always on the lookout for local sponsorships.

For more info on Snowcross racing go to the snowcross.com website. □



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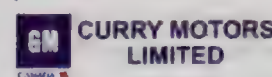
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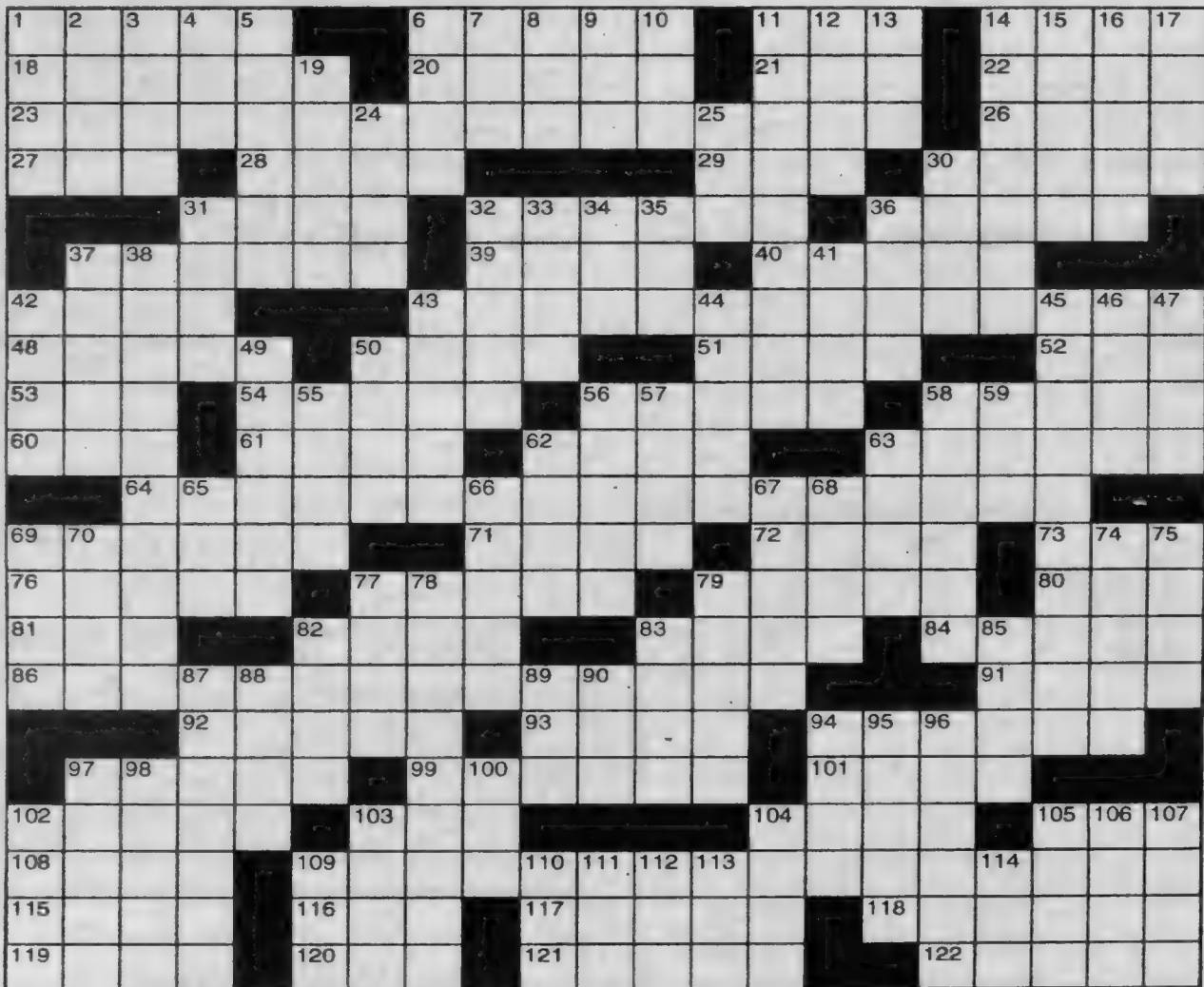
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7 Pallid
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- 9 Stadium shout
10 Nice season
11 Where to find romance
12 Easy as falling off —
13 Part pugilists
14 '66 Association hit
15 Glossy black
16 Pointless
17 Simple ring
19 Domain
24 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
25 Agt.
30 Lauder powder
31 Promontory
32 Cuttlefish kin
33 Velez of "Mexican Spitfire"
34 "Annabel Lee" monogram
35 Pupil's place
36 Tribe
37 Opera's Grace
38 Striking
41 Cain's nephew
42 Freightier front
43 Pitchfork

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44 Spoken for
45 Stress
46 Author Murdoch
47 "— creature was stirring..."
49 Prepares eggs
50 Grain husk
55 Part of Q.E.D.
56 Emulated Elle
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59 "Exodus" protagonist
62 Submachine gun
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67 Black piano key
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69 "It — Right" ('56 song)
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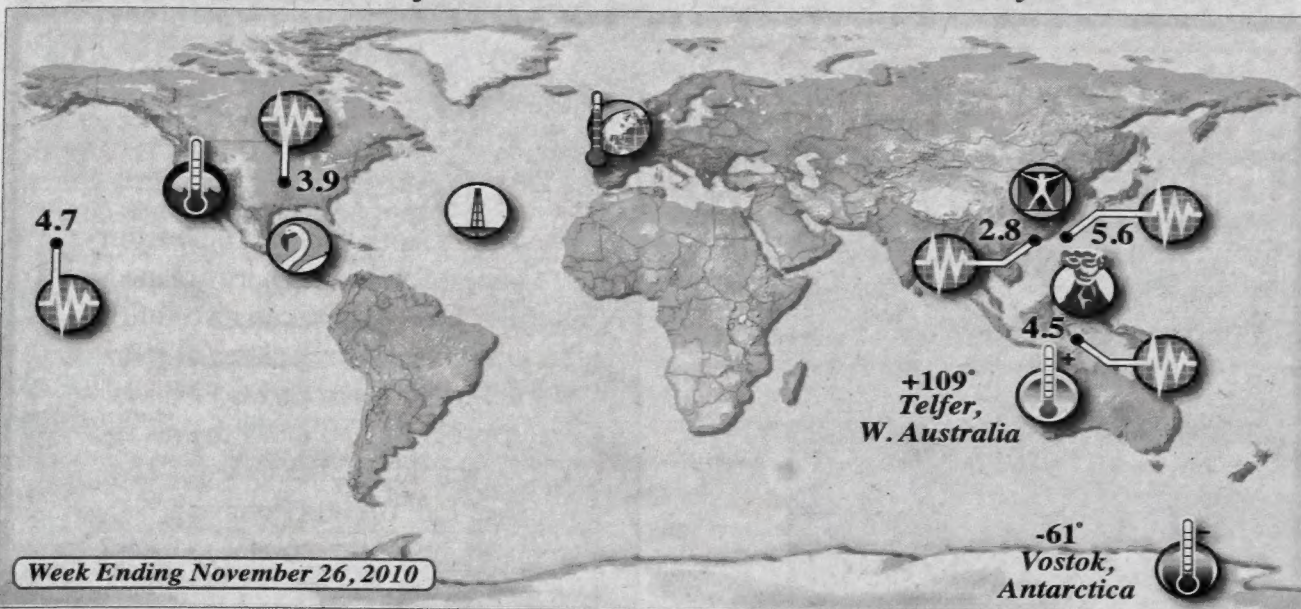
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



No Greenhouse Respite

Hopes that the recent global economic downturn would lead to temporarily lower greenhouse gas emissions and a subsequent delay in global warming were unfounded, according to U.K. researchers. A University of Exeter study found that despite significant reductions in the burning of fossil fuels across faltering western economies, CO2 emission increases of between 6 and 8 percent in emerging nations like China and India nearly made up the difference. And those countries with increased output used relatively high-carbon fuels like coal, lead author Pierre Friedlingstein wrote in the journal *Nature Geoscience*. The report says that if economic growth recovers as expected, emissions will have increased by more than 3 percent by the end of this year. The U.N. says global atmospheric CO2 reached the highest level on record in 2009, and was continuing to rise.

Global Lake Warming

Earth's largest lakes have responded to climate change over the past 25 years by steadily warming, according to the first-ever comprehensive global survey of temperature trends in lakes. Philipp Schneider and Simon Hook of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory used thermal infrared satellite data to measure the surface temperature of 176 large lakes worldwide over the past quarter century. Writing in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, they say that the lakes warmed by an average of 0.81 degrees Fahrenheit per decade, with the greatest water temperature rises observed in the mid- to high-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere. "The results have implications for lake ecosystems, which can be adversely affected by even small water temperature changes," the authors wrote.

Bird Flu Re-emerges

Hong Kong reported its first case of bird flu in seven years after a woman became hospitalized with a variation of the disease on Nov. 14. The patient became seriously ill with the viral infection after visiting the Chinese mainland. Health authorities immediately stepped up checks on poultry entering Hong Kong as well as at farms and markets across South China. In 1997, the H5N1 strain of avian influenza infected 18 humans in Hong Kong, many of whom died. It also forced the killing of that city's entire poultry population, which was estimated at 1.5 million birds.

Philippine Ash

Clouds of ash from the Philippines' Bulusan volcano forced thousands to flee their homes as the volcanic debris damaged crops in Sorsogon province. The mountain, located 150 miles southeast of Manila, has shown increasing unrest in recent weeks. Officials warn that up to 80,000 residents in 70 villages could be affected if Bulusan's activity increases further. One of the mountain's strongest blasts so far sent ash soaring more than a mile above the central Philippines. Ash plumes emitted by Bulusan during May 2007 forced residents to wear face masks to avoid breathing volcanic debris. In late 2006, the volcano belched ash that blanketed several villages.

Earthquakes

Residents of Indonesia's Buton Island, just south of Sulawesi, rushed outdoors as a 4.5 magnitude quake jolted the area. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

• Earth movements were also felt in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Maui and north-central Arkansas.

Deep Life

A U.S. drilling project attempting to reach the level just above Earth's mantle has found evidence of life 4,500 feet beneath the surface, where temperatures are higher than the boiling point of water. The Integrated Ocean Drilling Program was chosen to bore into the gabbroic layer by starting at the ocean floor in the mid-Atlantic. Seismic forces there have pushed the target layer to within hundreds of feet of the seabed, making it easier to reach. A team from Oregon State University found unique types of bacteria there, which feed off hydrocarbons like methane and benzene, similar to microorganisms present in underground oil deposits. The researchers believe that since oil and gas could also be present in the mantle below, the tenacity of life could allow organisms to be present at even much greater depths.

Flamingo of Flamingos

National Geographic photographer Bobby Haas captured an image of a flock of flamingos that had spontaneously arranged themselves into the shape of one giant flamingo in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. The Dallas-based cameraman had been taking hundreds of pictures of the birds from a helicopter for about an hour. He says that when he was about to leave, he turned over his shoulder and saw they had formed the incredible shape. "I guess this was a case of a real bird's eye view," he said. He calls the image the "holy grail" of wildlife photography. Haas says the gathering was only fleeting and the birds began to scatter after he managed to capture only one picture of nature imitating art.

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BORN THIS WEEK:

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

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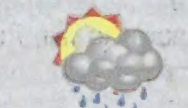
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Tony & Kathy DeCarlo along with Wayne & Sharon Wells are proud to announce the arrival of their grandson, **Ethan Anthony Wayne DeCarlo**. Ethan was born August 19, 2010 at 3:04am. Weighing 6 lbs 10 oz. 22 inches in length. Very proud parents are Ben & April DeCarlo.

Highland Storm Atom A Finalists in Silver Stick

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Atom A team! Their excellent efforts and hard work took them into the finals at the Silver Stick tournament in Wasaga Beach on November 27/28. It was so close! The Storm started out strong on Saturday against the Wasaga Stars with a 10-0 win! A well deserved shut-out for the team and for Josh Bellefleur!! The team continued to push with another 6-4 win against the Schomberg Red Wings. Next, was a nail-biter against the Elmvale Coyotes. The equally skilled teams worked hard but the Storm took the game 1-0. With 3 wins in our pocket, we were up against Schomberg once again. It was an exciting final game. The Storm team played really well but it all ended with a 4-2 loss. All boys received a trophy, returned with a banner and a great experience.

The regular season continues this weekend against Bracebridge. Join us at 7:00pm on Friday, December 3rd in Haliburton and at 2:30pm on Sunday December 5th in Minden to cheer on the Highland Storm Atom A team.



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There is always a face before us
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Your smile we will always remember
Of the one we loved to dear
We hold in our dreams at night
We think of you at dawn
Then we have to tell ourselves
That you are really gone
When evening shadows are falling
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Obituary

COSTAIN, Mabel Rhoda (nee James) –

Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care in Haliburton on Monday, November 22, 2010, at the age of 92. Much loved daughter of the late Annie and Horace James and predeceased by her husband John. Loving mother of George (Jean) of Lindsay, Bruce (Barbara) of Nashville, TN and Carole (Lynn Craigmyle) of Haliburton. Devoted grandmother of Leigh Ann, Robyn, Mark, Doug, Dianne, and her nine great grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her compassionate nursing skills, her desire to help others, her quick wit and her love of life. Visitation took place at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Friday November, 26th from 1:00 p.m. until the time of funeral service in the chapel at 3:00 p.m. Interment at Riverside Cemetery took place in Lindsay. In lieu of flowers, Mabel's family requests donations are made to Highland Wood Resident's Council. Online condolences and donations may be made at www.mackeys.ca



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Looking

This is Canadian playwright Norm Foster at his classic, comedic best. Val's an operating room nurse, Andy's in the storage business, Nina's a police officer and Matt's a radio morning show host. They're middle-aged, single and, as the name of the play notes, they are all "looking". Val agrees to meet Andy after answering his personal ad in the newspaper. Nina and Matt are coaxed into joining their friends for support. High romance and contagious laughter are the result.

Educating Rita

A young hairdresser and an English literature professor are both frustrated with their lots in life. Rita believes that going back to school will provide the stimulus for change. The professor, meanwhile, finds solace in the bottle. When their paths cross, the transformation they are both looking for arrives in a variety of surprising ways. A comedy by Willy Russell, this stage play was turned into a popular movie featuring Michael Caine and Julie Walters.

Joan of Montreal

In this one woman show, a young girl recounts her love for Canada's national sport, hockey and then the frustrations encountered as she tries to become part of the game. Brigitte Gall will reprise the role of Joan in this Gemini Award winning script that she also co-wrote with Arlene Bishop, Blair Packham, and David Mackenzie. The television production of *Joan of Montreal* won a Gemini Award in 2000. You can see *Joan of Montreal* Friday, July 22 and Monday August 8.

Archibald and Regina

David Archibald is back on the Highlands Summer Festival stage with his unique brand of music and relaxed acoustic presentation. This time he is sharing the stage with Highlands Summer Festival veteran Jocelyn Regina actress, singer and song-writer. This pairing will be a delightful combination of youthful exuberance and experience brought together by outstanding shared musical talent. The concert will include many of their own compositions. Concert appearances are scheduled for Monday, July 11, Friday, July 29 and Monday, August 1.

Opera, Opera Opera

Excerpts Concerts The participants in the Highlands Opera Studio present some of the best loved works from the world of opera. Hear solos, duets and ensemble selections from famous operas from around the world. A different program for each of the concerts. Three Concerts, Friday, August 12 at the Minden United Church, and Thursday and Friday, August 18 and 19 at the theatre in Haliburton.

The Medium

by Gian Carlo Menotti:

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Falstaff

by Giuseppe Verdi

The season comes to a grand finale with four performances of the Verdi opera *Falstaff*. Based on Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor* and *Henry IV*, *Falstaff* was only one of two comedies written by Verdi. It was also his last. One reviewer noted: *Falstaff* has long been an admired favourite with critics and musicians because of its brilliant orchestration, scintillating libretto and refined melodic invention. It is in the standard repertoire of many opera companies. Four performances: Friday, August 26, a matinee on Sunday, August 28, Tuesday, August 30 and Thursday, September 1.

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